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Providing Washingtonians with jobs is a high priority; rightly so.

SBCC can have an important role in this effort. Transitioning homes and buildings to clean electric heating, water heating and cooking can sustain a significant workforce over many years. Jobs include the HVAC work — both in gas removal and electric appliance installs, service and maintenance — as well as construction jobs associated with building modifications; and electrical work associated with new renewable energy and grid infrastructure.

A [study by UCLA](#) found that electrifying California's buildings over the next 25 years will create eight times as many jobs as may be lost in the gas industry, supporting an additional 100,000 full-time jobs in construction, manufacturing and the energy sector each year. Washington would expect to see jobs numbers for our state proportional to our population and building stock.

Please update our building codes to provide good jobs for Washingtonians!